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FASTENER FOR SECURING A GAS BAG

MODULE TO A STEERING WHEEL

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A fastener for securing a gas bag module to a steering wheel includes two fastening arms and a fastener part. The fastening arms enter into a snap-action connection with the fastener part and clasp the fastener part in a connected condition.